



# Pierce County Self-Determination Forum 2006

Pacific Lutheran University  
Scandinavian Culture/Student Center  
12180 Park Avenue South  
Parkland, Washington

May 19, 2006  
Registration  
8:00 am—9:00 am  
Forum 9:00 am—4:00 pm

## “Dreams are Reachable— Forging Your Future”



Dan Miller  
Keynote Speaker

Dan Miller is an author and inspirational speaker who touches audiences with his own life story of overcoming physical adversity.

Fifteen years ago, Dan was asked to share some of his experiences in overcoming his bout with polio. The response from the audience was over-whelmingly positive. Soon he was asked to share with other groups. The response was the same.

So, in 1990, Dan began his career as a full-time speaker, and since then he has shared his inspirational story with more than 555,000 audience members in 44 states and Canadian provinces.

A retired educator, Dan received his Master's Degree in Education from Eastern Washington University. He has been an elementary school physical education teacher and principal. He also has been a middle school athletic director, coach, and vice principal. Dan received two *Washington Distinguished Principal Awards* and the *Excellence in Education Award* from the Governor of Washington state.

“*Living, Laughing and Loving Life!*”- Dan's first book has sold more than **65,000** copies.

Dan and his wife, Judy, have three terrific children, and eight awesome, talented, gifted, fantastic grandchildren. (!!!) The Millers reside in Yakima, Washington.

### Sponsored by:

Self-Advocates of Washington, Washington PAVE's Community Inclusion Program,  
and Pierce County Human Services

# Register Today!!!

Deadline for registration is May 15, 2006

## Program Topics

- Dan Miller (Keynote)
- Safety & Sexuality
- Sibling Panel
- Parent Perspective on Self-Determination
- Pathways to Employment
- Independent Living
- Possibilities for Employment & Person Center Planning
- Inclusive Youth Leadership Team
- Self Advocates in Leadership Positions
- Working at Starbucks & Living in the Community



*'If you are going to work with me,  
you have to listen to me.*

*And you can't just listen with your  
ears, because it will go to your  
head to fast. If you listen slow,  
with your whole body some of  
what I say will enter your heart."*

*Christine Meyer*

## Who Should Attend

Self-Advocates, persons with a disability, parents, teachers, providers, students, professionals and community members.

## Clock Hours

Six hours of Educator clock hours are available.  
Certificates will be provided to all participants.

## Transportation

Pierce Transit Bus Route 253-581-8000.  
Pierce Transit Shuttle 253-581-8100 (Park Ave & Garfield Stop).  
Free parking is available across from the Scandinavian Culture/Student Center.  
Parking passes are not needed.

**Directions to PLU:** Take I-5 to WA-512 East— go 2.4 miles. Take WA-7/Pacific Ave. exit towards Spanaway/Parkland go 1.2 mi. Turn right on Garfield. Left on Park Ave. PLU is at the intersection of Garfield & Park Ave.

## Care for my Child

There will be no childcare available at the Forum. If you need to be reimbursed for childcare expenses, please call Betty Johnston at 253-565-2266 (v/tty).

## Information

For more information, please contact Betty Johnston or Sandy Trujillo at 253-565-2266 (v/tty) or email at [bjohnston@washingtonpave.com](mailto:bjohnston@washingtonpave.com) or [strujillo@washingtonpave.com](mailto:strujillo@washingtonpave.com).

# Registration Form

Register by mailing this form with your payment to PC Forum, c/o PAVE at 6316 South 12th St, Tacoma, WA 98465. **Please fill out one form for each person**



I am (please check):

person with a disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
personal assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
student	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
parent	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00
professional	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00

**Registration  
includes a buffet  
lunch.**

Registration is due  
by May 15, 2006.

Completed registration  
form is your conference  
confirmation.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Assistance** Conference sponsors can not provide personal assistance. If you need assistance you must provide your own assistant (see cost above).

Will you be accompanied by a personal assistant? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If yes, complete name below (**a registration form is also needed for your personal assistant**).

Name of Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment is required by May 16, 2005.

- Make checks or money order payable to Washington PAVE/Forum.

### **Do not send cash.**

- Check/money order (check # \_\_\_\_\_)
- To pay by credit card, call PAVE (253-565-2266). I paid by credit card ☐

## **Accommodations: (Requests need to be made by May 5th.)**

Every effort will be made to accommodate requests for interpreters.

Specify language requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Special diet needs: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Scholarships:**

Limited scholarships are available for persons with a disability/self-advocate, students, and parents. Please call Betty Johnston at (253) 565-2266 (v/tty).

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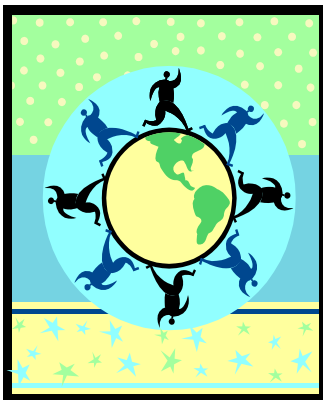
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# Self-Determination a Human Right

By Ellen Cummings

"Some cynics have said that self-determination is just another 'model of the year' and will not last. They fail to recognize what is happening...people are finding their power, taking control of their lives, defining their futures, and becoming accountable for themselves. It becomes, then, the responsibility of all of us who believe in the inherent potential of every human life to make sure that the genie of self-determination is pushed so far out of the bottle that it can never be pushed back in. Self-determination is not a model...it is a human right."



~Community ~  
"Making the World  
Whole."